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Annual Meeting at Windsor Outstanding Success

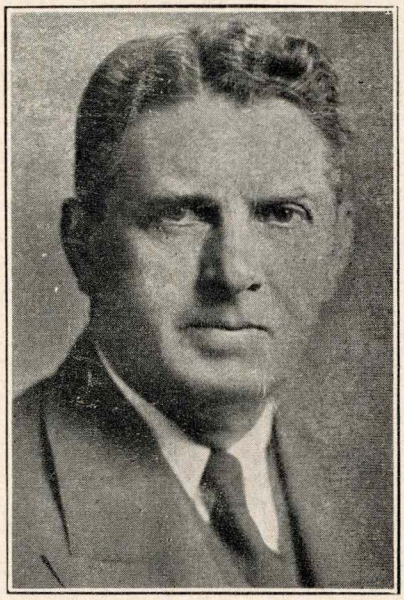
Centennial Plans Announced

One hundred and fifty delegates from Saint John to New Westminster gathered in the Prince Edward Hotel, Windsor, Ontario, February 18th to 20th in the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the National Council. According to many "old hands" at National Council Meetings it was one of the best on record. Great credit for this success was given to the Windsor group under the leadership of A. M. Kirkpatrick, General Secretary there.

Action was taken on the regular details of National Council business such as officers, members and budget, and, in addition, approval was given to a special effort for celebrating the Centennial of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. which had its origin in Montreal in 1851. It was agreed that a sum of $40,000 would be raised to be used in connection with the Centennial. This money is to be used to write a history of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. to provide a special fund for Y.M.C.A. extension and for special promotion with regard to the Centennial.

Dr. Eugene Barnett, General Secretary of the International Committee, was present and announced plans for an International Convention which will also be held in 1951—probably late in June of that year in Cleveland, Ohio. This will be the largest and most representative gathering in Y.M.C.A. history. The bulk of the time at the Council Meeting was given to receiving and discussing interim reports on three commissions organized at the last Annual Meeting on "Christian Emphasis in the Y.M.C.A.", "Membership Affiliations and Categories" and "The Y.M.C.A. and Public Recreation". Recommendations were brought in asking local Associations to study and make reports on these concerns during the next year.

An increased World Service budget for Canada was approved and the urgent need for more Canadian secretaries on foreign fields was stressed by John McCurdy, Hartley Fowler and others.



H. JASPER HUMPHREY, O.B.E.

When Mr. Reade Davis, chairman of the Nominations Committee, read the report of his Committee at the Annual Meeting which re-elected H. Jasper Humphrey President of National Council, he prefaced the report with the following tribute which was enthusiastically received by the delegates: "Over the years, Mr. Humphrey has made a tremendous contribution to the welfare and advancement of the Young Men's Christian Association, both in Canada and beyond our land, by his ever present concern and continued interest; his sound business judgment, and statesmanlike leadership, which made possible the President's Fund for the assistance of the National Council, and the success to date of the World Youth Fund for Restoration and Advance; but greatest of all through his quiet, kindly, Christian example, which has been an inspiration and a strength to each one of us.

"We are reminded of the memorial plaque in the vestibule of St. Paul's in old London, to the memory of the architect, Sir Christopher Wren, on which is inscribed the simple eulogy: 'If you would see his monument look about you,' and we submit that our friend and leader, through his Christian influence, has builded in the lives of youth and older associates, a monument for good that will be ever present in our Association.

"Our sincere wish, and earnest prayer, is, that he may be spared in health and strength for years to come to give continued and inspired Christian leadership to our Association Movement."

Tippet Speaks on World Tour

The outstanding feature of this year's Annual Meeting was Basil Tippet's speech "The Y.M.C.A. Around the World", in which he told of the trip that he and Mrs. Tippet had just completed, having travelled 35,000 miles and visited the Y.M.C.A's. of three continents. Mr. Tippet returned convinced that the world-wide fellowship of the "Y" is a very definite reality.

The most significant fact that impressed him was that in non-Christian countries, apart from the small Christian oases, the 'service motivation' or activity on behalf of other people does not exist. He was impressed with the many ways in which the Y.M.C.A. sought to meet the needs of the people of various countries. Rural work in India with agricultural demonstrations; health education, schools of languages, social recreation, in China where this is a completely new experience for young people; and dynamic spiritual leadership all through the Orient where young people are hungry for more information about this "new idea" of Christianity which they have observed affecting the attitudes and actions of people who believe in it, were some of the examples cited.

Mr. Tippet urged the Canadian Y.M.C.A. to consciousness of the need for training young men to give their lives to this work; to continue our efforts to supply buildings, equipment and program for these Associations; and by personal example as leaders of young people to help them realize the essence of Christianity which is the "service motivation".

Fifth Young Adult Conference

"Creative Christian Citizenship" is the theme for the Fifth National Y.M.C.A. Young Adult Conference, which will be held this summer, July 2nd to 9th, inclusive, at Geneva Park on Lake Couchiching, Ontario.

From every province across Canada, including Newfoundland, young adults, who have been giving active leadership in the on-going program of their Associations, will converge on Geneva Park for an 8-day conference. Outstanding leaders from the fields of religion, education, business, government, and the Y.M.C.A. have been invited. Through the media of lecture-discussions, "workshops", swap-sessions, demonstrations, displays, and participation, key young people responsible for young adult programs, will learn new skills and news ways of doing things, so that programs in local Associations will be enriched for the next several years.

Several Associations have suggested that nothing has stimulated the program in their Y.M.C.A's. for young adults as much as these conferences which are held every two years. Mr. John Magwood, Chairman of the National Young Adult Program Committee, has appointed a strong conference committee, being led by Jerry Hundal. It is anticipated that every local Association across our Dominion will want to be represented, and a travel pool arrangement is being worked out, so that those from far distances can manage to come.

The conference theme "Creative Christian Citizenship" will highlight those areas around which young people must achieve personal maturity if they are to make an effective contribution to community-well-being.

Further information may be secured from Arnold Ward, Young Adult Program Department, National Council of Y.M.-C.A's.

Halifax Nears Goal

An official telegram of congratulations was sent from the Annual Meeting to the Halifax Association in recognition of the outstanding achievement that was being made by the workers in the Capital Fund campaign of that city. The campaign was midway in its course at the time of the Annual meeting, but at the time of going to press with this issue of the *Bulletin* word has come that the figure reached is approaching $900,000.00! Congratulations to Gordon Archibald, President, to Jack Duckworth, Secretary, and their corps of devoted workers in Halifax!

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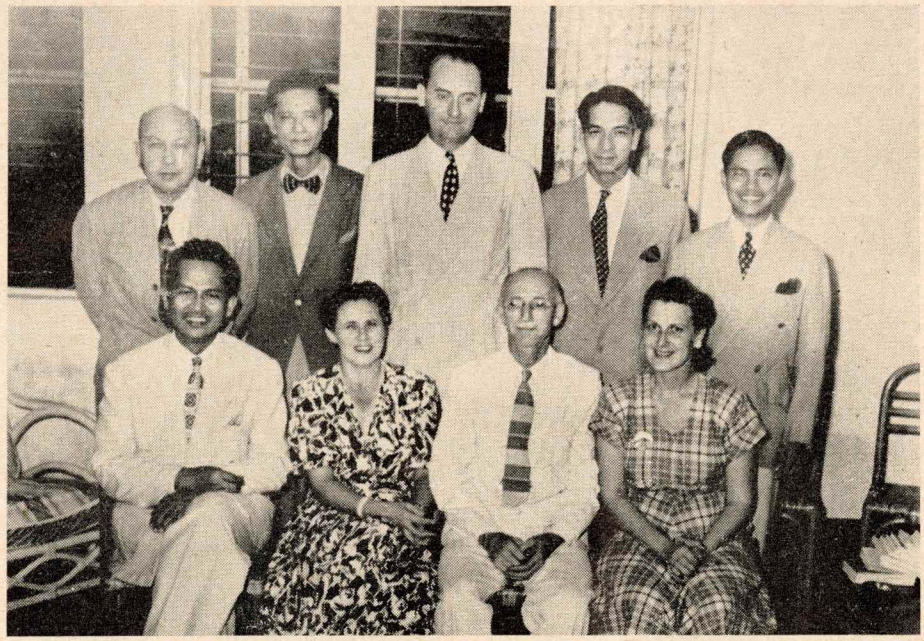


This picture of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Basil Tippet was taken as they neared the conclusion of their 35,000 mile trip to the Y.M.C.A's. of the World. It shows them in the Manila home of Roy Smith, World Service Secretary in the Philippines. With them are, back row: P. C. Celestino, Executive Secretary, Manila Y.M.C.A.; A. L. Martinez, National Program Secretary; Roy G. Smith; E. L. Ablaza, Men's Secretary, Manila, and Bonifacio Amor, Public Relations Secretary. Front row: D. C. Bascara, National General Secretary; Mrs. Tippet, Mr. Tippet, and Mrs. Smith.

Mr. Tippet's address on "The Y.M.C.A. Around the World" was a feature of the National Council Annual Meeting.

Herb Swetman Stricken

Herbert J. Swetman, long associated with the Y.M.C.A., died suddenly at his home, 804 The Queensway, New Toronto, on March 9th. Herb entered the Y.M.C.A. in 1915 with the Military Service Department of the National Council, moving to Montreal in 1920, where he ultimately became Associate Secretary in the Central Branch. In 1928 he returned to the National Council with combined responsibility for financial solicitation in unorganized centres and management of our Geneva Park property, a position which he held until the end of 1930. After some years in private enterprise Herb. returned to the Y.M.C.A. in 1941, with the War Services Committee, serving as Manager of the Beaver Club in London, Eng., and, until 1945, as Quartermaster with the Canadian Y.M.C.A. Overseas. At the time of his death he was executive secretary of the Canadian Save the Children Fund in Toronto.

For Program Planning

A "Standard Form" for program planning is something actually new in Y.M.C.A. Developed by our Physical Education Committee, it is now available at no charge, from the National Council office, for use by any Association program operating department. Simple — Practical — Stimulating. Now ready.

Books Received

Worship Resources for Youth—ed. David R. Porter—Association Press $2.50.

This excellent volume of devotional material is highly recommended. It is designed especially for students and young people and will prove a great boon to Hi-Y and other clubs and will help Y.M.C.A. leaders in preparing devotions for conferences and young peoples groups. Each devotional period is centred around a theme and consists of a Bible reading, several appropriate quotations, and concludes with a prayer from the writings of a great religious leader. Mr. Porter has searched the scriptures and the classics well and to good purpose.

Canadian Nature Annual — published by Canadian Nature Magazine $2.50.

Many Canadian Y.M.C.A's. subscribe to this valuable periodical which is issued five times yearly. Its material is of permanent value for reference and should be accessible to every camp director, and person concerned with nature lore, in this sturdily bound volume. The art work and photography are unsurpassed anywhere in this field. The subject matter ranges from astronomy to conservation including bird, animal and plant life in Canada. It is all conveniently indexed in the 1948 Annual which can be obtained from the Canadian Nature Magazine at 177 Jarvis Street in Toronto. Canadians also owe a great debt to this enterprise for publishing several excellent manuals such as "Nature Activities", "Wild Flowers", "Canadian Birds", "Conservation" and "Native Ferns."

Charlottetown Opens New "Y" Building

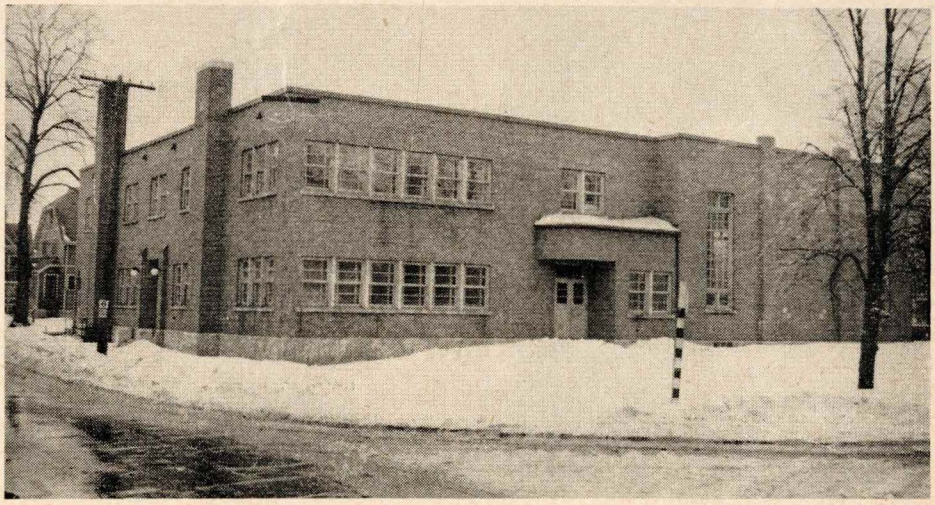
Boasts Second Century's "First"

On February 23rd, Charlottetown had the honour of opening the first Y.M.C.A. building in North America to be completed in the second century of Y.M.C.A. service to youth. The dedication ceremonies were presided over by the "Y" president, T. Roy Cudmore, and guests included His Honour Lieutenant-Governor J. A. Bernard, who took a major part in the ceremonies; Hon. J. Walter Jones, Premier; His Worship Mayor B. Earle MacDonald; City Clerk J. A. Fullerton, and Mr. B. Frank Tinney, chairman of the new building committee.

"In His Majesty's name and in my official capacity as his representative in Prince Edward Island I declare this new and commodious Young Men's Christian Association building officially opened for the splendid aims and purposes for which it was erected, and in so doing I bespeak for it the great success it so richly deserves", stated the Lieutenant-Governor in concluding his dedicatory address, during which he sketched the history of the Charlottetown "Y" from its founding on January 1st, 1856. He recalled that Capt. John Orlebar, R.N., was its founder and first president. In 1872 the first building was constructed on Richmond Street. This was the first Y.M.C.A. building in North America built specifically for Association work. This building was, therefore, the first North American building erected in the first century of the Y.M.C.A. Movement. The old building was used continually until 1945, at which time temporary quarters were located in the residence formerly located on the new building site. In May of 1947, construction work on the new building began. This beautiful new building also has a distinction in that it is the first Y.M.C.A. building in North America to have been completed in the second century of this world-wide Movement. "The construction of the building", His Honour said, "is a splendid tribute to the generosity of this City and Province in providing modern facilities for the development of our youth."

The dedicatory prayer was given by Rev. J. T. Ibbott, President of the Prince Edward Island Ministerial Association, and Mr. James McConnell, General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., gave the scripture reading. The Y's Men's Chorus, directed by Mr. Frank Johnston, A.T.C.L., sang "Bless this House" at the conclusion of the dedication program.

A tour of the building, with tea served by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y's Mennettes, completed the opening ceremonies.



The first new Y.M.C.A. building built in North America during the Second Century of the Y.M.C.A's. existence opened its doors to the public in Charlottetown, P.E.I., on February 23rd. A beautifully designed plant with tastefully decorated lounges, club rooms, a large gymnasium and a banquet room, this building which was planned by the Y.M.C.A. Building Bureau will long remain as a tribute to the self-sacrificing generosity and labours of Charlottetown's Y.M.C.A. supporters.

Building Bureau Architect says "Build Now"

Now is the time to build Y.M.C.A. buildings according to Sam Nock, of the Y.M.C.A. Building Bureau, who addressed the National Council meeting on "What makes a modern Y.M.C.A. Building expensive". There is no sign of building costs going down, said Mr. Nock, but materials are now in fairly good supply. His advice to Y.M.C.A's. facing the problem of building and raising further funds was to build now, even if it means building on the unit basis; it will be very difficult to raise more funds until you spend what you already have raised. He urged the Boards of Directors to build qualitatively and within a budget.

Dr. D. B. Marsh

Another speaker at the "Capital Funds and New Buildings" session was Dr. D. B. Marsh, of the Bank of Canada, who spoke on "Business Conditions in Canada Today." Dr. Marsh showed many reasons for uncertainty in predicting the course of economic events during the coming year. He compared our present circumstances with the post war "boom and bust" cycle following the first Great War, but felt that we were in a stronger position than we were then because of the unlikelihood that business would panic or that governments would remain inactive in the face of economic collapse.

Chancellor Gilmour

Chancellor Gilmour, of McMaster University, spoke in praise of the work of the Y.M.C.A. and the peculiar service which it alone is able to render to young people —unobtrusively, effectively, yet often inarticulately. Its special ability is that of creating and quickening such senses of mankind as a sense of space, and an international outlook, a sense of intimacy where the individual counts, a sense of spirituality, a sense of energy and a sense of enthusiastic decency in a world threatened by cynicism and sloth.

All these are apparent to us, he said, in a study of nature and the cultures of mankind, but we need to pray for yet a sixth sense which will have us realize the presence of Christ and the reality of God in our opportunities.

HILES TEMPLIN (C.L.U.)

Chairman of the National Boys' Work Committee of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. and Past-President of the Hamilton Y.M.C.A. who was recently elected Vice-Chairman of the Executive Planning Committee for the North American Boys' Work Assembly which will be held in the United States in May of next year. Other members of this committee are Dave Nicolson, Executive Secretary of High Park Y.M.C.A., Toronto, and Les Vipond, National Boys' Work Secretary.

International Affairs Workshop

The first "Workshop on International Affairs" was held by the World's Alliance during the week of March 14th in New York City, Lake Success and Washington, D.C.

Amongst Canadians taking this "short term course" were Joe Francis, Ed. Wybourn and Arnold Ward.

Discussions, lectures and courses centred around these three general topics:

1. Christian Responsibility in World Affairs.
2. Regional Association and the United Nations.
3. Methods of International Affairs Education.

Leaders were drawn from the United Nations and the U.S. State Department as well as the Y.M.C.A. Some of the sessions were held "on the spot" at the Lake Success Headquarters of the United Nations.

Wesley F. Rennie, Associate General Secretary of the World's Alliance, was the Director of the Workshop.

Personnel Changes

New

Crozier, John, Asst. Exec. Sec.	Toronto High Park
Kalkun, Gustav, Physical Director	Midland, Ont.
McFadyen, Eleanor M., Women & Girls	Montreal Southwestern
Pearse, John D., Boys' Work	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Taylor, Ernest I., Jr., Program Secretary	Quebec, P.Q.

Re-Entry

Ward, H. Arnold, Young Adult Program	National Council

Transfers

Buckley, A. A.	From Young Adult Program, National Council, to Secretary, Geneva Park.
Francis, Jos.	From Assistant Program, Toronto Central, to Acting Program, Toronto Central.
Moffat, Colin S.	From Physical Director, London, Ont., to Assistant General Secretary, London.
Jordan, Arthur	From Community Secretary, Montreal Eastern Communities, to Executive Secretary, Montreal East and Terminal Park Branches, Montreal.
Locke, Roy D.	From Executive Secretary, Montreal Eastern Communities, to Boys' Work Secretary, Montreal Metropolitan.
McKinnon, A. M.	From Physical Director, Victoria, to Acting General Secretary, Victoria.

Resignations

Buchanan, Angus	General Secretary, Sarnia, Ont.
Gray, James A.	Community Secretary, Toronto West End.
Ramer, A. E.	General Secretary, Victoria, B.C.
Shortreed, Tom	Asst. Membership, Winnipeg, Man.

Certification

Bonnenfant, Louis P.	Physical Director, Ottawa, Ont.

General Secretaries Conference

A full day's conference of the C.G.S.A. was held at Windsor, Feb. 17, 1949, under the Chairmanship of Clarke Ready, General Secretary, Edmonton. The program was an extremely interesting one, with two main topics presented for consideration, namely: "The Community Chest and the Y.M.C.A." and "In-Service Training". Panel discussion took place on the subject of The Community Chest and the Y.M.C.A. after the presentation of a paper on this subject by Robert A. MacRae, of the Detroit Community Fund. This discussion was chaired by Mel Chater and the following took part: R. J. Albrant, J. W. Beaton, Charles Forsyth, C. A. Schell, and Ralph Hileman. The panel discussion continued all afternoon. It was the opinion of the group that this had been an exceedingly important exchange of ideas on this topic.

The dinner meeting was under the chairmanship of W. J. G. Macdiarmid. After presentation of a paper on the subject "In-Service Training" by R. C. Lancaster, Executive Secretary, Personnel Services Department, National Council U.S.A., panel discussion again was held under the chairmanship of John McCurdy, with the following taking part: R. C. Lancaster, Manley Chisholm, Mac Singleton, and Wilf Spearman.

The report of the Nominating and Scrutineers' Committee, under the chairmanship of John Halcrow, showed that on a mail ballot A. W. Kemball, Montreal, had been elected President of the Association for the next term, with Jack Lunn, of Quebec City, the new vice-chairman.

Young People Know

It was a national representative group of young people who stated the need for a vacation centre with a purposeful program for young people. It was another group of young people who planned the Young Adult Camp at Geneva Park in 1948. The results were startling and good. So good, in fact, that it is at the request of last year's campers that the special program for young people will be operated at Geneva Park from July 9th to August 13th, 1949.

The Camp's Motto—"A Vacation Plus" provides for all the normal vacation activities and the basic essentials of good accommodation, excellent food and reasonable cost. The "plus" is provided by (1) a democratic experience in Community living — the Campers' council plans and operates program; (2) an opportunity to learn new social and physical skills in the craft shop, in many out-of-door activities under expert instructors; (3) an educational opportunity—through motion pictures, informal discussion groups, and contact with "key" Canadians in the fields of education.

The Young Adult Camp at Geneva Park is gradually proving that a vacation can be more than sunburn and fun. It can be an exciting and fascinating experience that brings a host of new skills, new ideas and new friends.